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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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Peptide and Nucleic Acid Compositions**  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$120.00 to cover:  
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2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); and
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